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INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

Letter dated 17 March 1989 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of
the Permanent Mission of Saint Lucia to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, in deference to - and to await the final outcome of - your dynamic initiatives vis-à-vis Western Sahara, Saint Lucia from September of 1987 has reserved its position on the question.

Saint Lucia is pleased by the recent positive actions by the parties to the conflict and continues to support strongly your proposals designed to "restore peace to the region and offer a framework for bringing about a cease-fire and creating the necessary conditions for the holding of a credible referendum which will enable the people of Western Sahara to exercise their inalienable right to self-determination without military or administrative constraints".

Consequently, to emphasize its impartiality until the people of Western Sahara have themselves had an opportunity to exercise their inalienable right to self-determination, Saint Lucia has decided to withdraw its recognition of the Frente POLISARIO/SADR.

I request you to have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 18 of the preliminary list.

(Signed) Charles S. FLEMMING
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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